

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-5, 7, and 9-19 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the acknowledgment of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 5, 7, and 9-19. Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled and remaining claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wierlacher in view of the Examiner's statement based on case law. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 6 have been canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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